



QUINTA DA
BOAVISTA

BOA-VISTA DONZELINHO RED

2016

Located near Pinhão on the right bank of the Douro and with magnificent views over the river, Quinta da Boavista is one of the most iconic properties in the demarcated region, known not only for its historical connection to Baron de Forrester, but also for its 40 hectares of high quality vineyards.

Old grape variety present in several old vineyards in the demarcated Douro region. Portuguese variety referenced since 1531. Small and very compact bunches, with small berries and very thin film. Very gastronomic profile, genuine and irreverent wine.



TERROIR

The vineyards are spread over a dazzling geometric setting of terraces built by hand with the typical shale of the region. Of the 40 hectares of vineyards, 10 hectares correspond to old vines with an average age over 80 years.

VINIFICATION

Manual harvesting. Manual grape sorting. Gentle berry de-stalk and crush. As fermentation reservoirs we have the traditional granite wine presses with foot treading, stainless steel fermentation vats and for, small batches, PVC food containers or fermentation in new 500 litre French wooden barrels.

Each of these types of fermentation gives the wine a unique style. We follow only one wine-making philosophy: to gently extract all the characteristics of our grapes.

All our wines age 100% in French oak barrels of different cooperages and with different types of toasts. After ageing between 17 and 20 months, we form different batches, and we carry out light fining and subsequent bottling. All our wines are sealed under natural cork. Wines are not filtered or cold-stabilized and that is why they can produce a sediment with age.

TASTING NOTES

Cherry red colour with medium intensity. On the nose, it is complex and rich, where the wild red fruits stand out with the ageing process giving it some hints of spices. It is an extremely fresh wine, with impressive elegance and subtlety. Lively but very delicate tannins. Herbal notes develop in the mouthfeel. It features a remarkable balance.

WINEMAKERS

Rui Cunha
Jean-Claude Berrouet

ABV 14%vol. ACIDITY 5,9 g/l pH 3,36

RESIDUAL SUGARS <0,6 g/l TOTAL SULFUR DIOXIDE 89mg/l

TOTAL PRODUCTION
300 bottles

BOTTLES/BOX
6

AVAILABLE IN
0,75l



Best served at
16-18°C

Store in a cool, dry place, sheltered from light and temperature fluctuations. The bottle should be kept in an horizontal position.



PERFECT WITH
Red meat, game and cheeses.

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90
/100 Pts

The 2015 Tinto Donzelinho "Boa-Vista" was aged for 17 months in used French oak and comes in at 12,9% alcohol. This is a rarely seen monovarietal, something the winery says is lighter, with high acidity and along the lines of Pinot Noir. Contrary to some practices, the monovarietals are not top wines here—the winery believes in blending. Still, the winery says, every year "once the blending of the mainstay Boa-Vista Reserva is done, the winemaker and consultant select one or two batches deemed to be of sufficient quality to produce limited editions of single-varietal wines that showcase the variety of native grapes at the estate." Not every monovarietal will appear every year. This is very nice and enlivening, a great food wine. It is a little tart with a plummy nuance, but plenty of substance and stuffing to match the acidity. Showing fine flavor, as well as coating the palate nicely, it is fresh and persistent with moderate tannins appearing on the finish. This is a bit different, but it succeeds. Where does it go; how does it age? That's unclear, but it seems like it can age. We'll see. In the meanwhile, this is something interesting, by no means a "weird wine" that is only likely to appeal to geeks.

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